

REMARKS

Claims 34 and 53 have been amended, claims 34-37 and 53-59 are pending and claims 35-37, 55-57 and 59 are withdrawn. Applicants affirm the election of species to R⁸ of claim 58 and phenyls for the CTBF as denoted in Figure 4 of the present specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, Indefiniteness

Claims 53, 54 and 58 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have followed the Examiner's suggestion to define the acronym CTBF, which stands for candidate target binding fragment. Therefore, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 34, 53, 54 and 58 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,766,133 in light of Janda (PNAS, Vol. 91 pp. 10779-10785) or US 5,491,169 in light of Janda (PNAS, Vol. 91 pp. 10779-10785).

Applicants urge that the claims have been amended to overcome these rejections. Namely, the recitation that "the library comprises two CTBF's that are combined together" has been added to independent claims 34 and 53. Support for this amendment is found, *inter alia*, at page 17 lines 4-5 and 13-14 of the present specification. There is no explicit or inherent teaching in either US Patents '133 or '169 of physically combining at least two disulfide compounds to form a library candidate target binding fragments. Therefore, because all of the recitations of present claims are not taught by either US Patents '133 or '169, neither of these references could anticipate the present claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

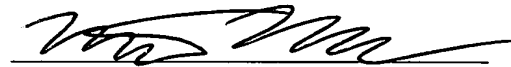
Applicants urge that the present claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to advance prosecution of this application.

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